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Via email: 79424-63331271@requests.muckrock.com

Re: HQ-2019-01294-F

Dear Ms. Best,

This is an interim response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

A copy of the list or printout or database listing of Inspector General investigations closed/reports completed during calendar year 2015.

Your request has been assigned to DOE's Office of Inspector General (IG) to conduct a search of its files for responsive documents. Upon completion of the search and review of any records located, that office will provide a response to you.

In your letter, you requested a waiver of all fees associated with the processing of this request based on the "news media" category. For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(b)(3), as a "news media" requester. Requestors in this category are charged fees for duplication only and are provided 100 pages at no cost. At this time, it has not yet been determined if search fees will exceed \$15.00, the minimum amount at which DOE assesses fees. For this reason, a determination on the waiver of fees has not been made. If it is determined that fees will exceed our standard allowance, your fee waiver request will be addressed at that time.

If you have any questions about IG's processing of your request, you may contact Ms. Karen Sulier, at 202-287-6892, or by mail at IG-1, Room 5A-240, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire

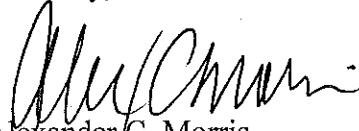


about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Please refer to the above referenced number in any communications with DOE about the request. If you have questions about this letter, please contact Lars Hydle in this office at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, or at (202) 287-6730.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,



Alexander C. Morris  
FOIA Officer  
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